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RE: Docket No. 04-AAER-1

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations. The Home Depot sells over 50 percent of all the ceiling fans in North America. We operate 178 Home Depot stores and ten EXPO Design Centers in California.

The Home Depot disagrees with the commission's recommendation that ceiling fans should be labeled with the unit's airflow in cubic feet of air per minute (CFM) and the unit's air flow efficiency in CFM/watt at high, medium and low speeds.

The company's past experience with our customers does not lead us to believe that labels containing CFM/watt information are of any value. These are complex and technical issues. Our customers are already familiar with the federal Energy Star® Program and recognize that an Energy Star® logo on the packaging indicates they are purchasing an energy efficient product.

We also recommend that the "hugger fans" defined as "a ceiling fan style where the motor mounts directly to the ceiling and cannot be mounted using a down-rod" be excluded from the test and labeling requirement of the rule to be consistent with the national Energy Star Program.

CFM standards are impossible to measure on these types of fans. In order to test the CFM a fan must be hung at least 36 inches from the ceiling allowing a free flow of air between the blades and ceiling. This category of fans is especially important for low-income households for whom air conditioning is not an affordable option.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kent Knutson
Vice President of Government Relations



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